

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5297–H5301.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5245–46, H5246–47, H5247, H5266–67, H5267–68, H5268, H5268–69, H5269–70, and H5271–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on Review of Wildfire Management in the United States. Testimony was heard from Joan Comanor, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA; Richard A. Wilson, Forester, Department of Forestry, State of California; James B. Hull, Forester, Forest Service, State of Texas; James Johnson, Forester, Department of Conservation, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services approved for full Committee action the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Economic and Environmental Impact of the Proposed International Global Climate Change Agreement. Testimony was heard from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; and Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning continued hearings on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1997, with emphasis on the Education of the Deaf Act and Title V of the Higher Education Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Judith Heumann, Assistant Secretary; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; and Therese Knecht Dozier, Special Advisor on Teaching; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 17.

IMPACT OF RADIO ON AFRICAN DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a joint hearing on

Impact of Radio on African Democracy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the International Broadcasting Bureau, U.S. Information Agency: Kevin Klose, Director; and Evelyn Lieberman, Director, Voice of America; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—INSTITUTIONAL HEARING PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1109, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States; H.R. 1348, Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997; and H.R. 2027, to provide for the revision of the requirements for a Canadian border boat landing permit pursuant to section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and to require the Attorney General to report to the Congress on the impact of such revision.

The Subcommittee approved a motion to request a report on a private immigration bill.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Institutional Hearing Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Administration of Justice Issues Division, GAO: Norman J. Rabkin, Director; Evi Rezmovic, Assistant Director; Jay Jennings and Fred Berry, both Senior Evaluators; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Paul Virtue, Executive Associate Commissioner, Programs and Lydia St. John-Mellado, IHP Coordinator, both with the Immigration and Naturalization Service; Michael J. Creppy, Chief Immigration Judge and Michael C. McGoings, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, both with the Executive Office for Immigration Review; John L. Clark, Assistant Director, Community Corrections and Detention and James Zangs, Administrator, Detention Services Branch, both with the Bureau of Prisons; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL REGARDING AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS INITIATIVE

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Proposal regarding the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Testimony was heard from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; and Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 1998.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a modified open rule on H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30,

1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 7 of Rule XXI (relating to the 3-day availability of published hearings) or clause 2(1)(6) of Rule XI (relating to the 3-day availability of the report). The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislating on an appropriations bill), and clause 6 of Rule XXI (prohibiting certain transfers of funds), except as specified in the resolution. The rule provides for consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, to be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and waives points of order against the amendments. The rule provides that no other amendment shall be in order unless that amendment has been pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The rule grants the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole the authority to postpone votes and reduce voting time to 5 minutes provided that the first vote in a series is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan, Gilman, Hyde, Smith of New Jersey, Saxton, Cox of California, Pelosi, and McGovern.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH FEDERAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Meeting the Needs of People with Disabilities Through Federal Technology Transfer. Testimony was from Katherine Seelman, Director, National Institute of Rehabilitation and Research, Department of Education; C. Dan Brand, Chairman, Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer, Associate Director, Technology Advancement, FDA/National Center for Toxicological Research, Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce Webbon, Chief, Commercial Technology, Ames Research Center, NASA; and public witnesses.

DOES EX-IM HELP SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS?

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on Does Ex-Im Help Small Business Exporters? Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; and public witnesses.

MFN TREATMENT—PRODUCTS OF MONGOLIA AND LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2133, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of Mongolia; and H.R. 2132, to extend nondiscriminatory treatment—most-favored-nation treatment—to the products of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the importance of alternative fuels in addressing future national security concerns, focusing on agriculture's vulnerability to energy price volatility, the contribution of home-grown renewable alternative fuels, and the role of new technologies in making agriculture more energy efficient while increasing yields, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the District of Columbia Department of Corrections and the Metropolitan Police Department, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine the threat of drug cartels and narco-violence in the United States, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to review the Global Tobacco settlement, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on S. 539, to exempt agreements relating to voluntary guidelines governing telecast material from the applicability of the antitrust laws, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to resume a briefing on the status of the investigation into the contested U.S. Senate election held in Louisiana in November 1996, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Fiscal Year 1998 D.C. Budget, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Government